



VSBPE Releases a Tool for Educators and the Public

BARRE – The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) is promoting high standards for teachers by releasing a video introduction to the [Vermont Core Teaching Standards](#) and [InTASC Learning Progressions](#). The media piece introduces educators and the public to the new teaching standards and progressions that establish a coherent system of support for educators.

The new standards identify what educators should know and be able to do to be effective in today's schools. Specifically, the ten standards call for:

- Personalized Learning for Diverse Learners
- A Stronger Focus on Application of Knowledge and Skills
- Improved Assessment Literacy
- A Collaborative Professional Culture
- New Leadership Roles for Teachers and Administrators

"One challenge the Board has faced since adopting the standards has been getting them into educators' hands," explains Steven John, VSBPE Board Chair. "This tool creates an opportunity for Vermont educators to better appreciate the purpose and use of the standards to support and guide their professional learning as they work to make good teaching great."

Claudine Bedell, Associate Professor of Education at Saint Michael's College describes the value of the media piece, saying: "For in-service teachers, this video clearly bridges the journey from the past to the present set of teaching standards. For pre-service teachers, this video provides an effective overview of current expectations that is both transparent and well-articulated."

Penny Chamberlin, Director of the Barre Technical Center, recommends that principals and directors share the tool with their educators, saying: "I feel it is so well done, concise and easy to follow that I could use this during a staff meeting where I would play the video, pause it, locate the hard copy documents and walk through the progressions with everyone. If we focus on one area and really go in to depth in that area, it will make more sense for folks and be easier to digest."

The Board's adoption of the InTASC Progression tool also supports educators across the career continuum, from novice to experienced, in working with the higher standards for teachers. "The progressions will challenge teachers to identify areas in which they can continue to grow and improve regardless of the number of years' experience they have" said Nancy Thomas, Washington Northeast Supervisory Union Superintendent.

The video features Rebecca Holcombe, Vermont Secretary of Education, and is narrated by Jay Hoffman, 2013 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and may accessed online:

<http://education.vermont.gov/professional-standards/vsbpe>.